

Watch your Kids Around Water - Prevent Drownings!

Important Dates for Upcoming Sept. 7th Election

This fall you have the opportunity to exercise your right to vote in a Special City Election that includes propositions on six bond questions and 12 City Charter amendment changes. These are important issues because they determine how your city is run and what facilities and infrastructure get built in the future.

August 10th is an important date if you are not a registered voter or if you have changed your address since the last election. This is the last day you can register to vote for the fall election.

If you like to vote early, the first date the early ballots will be mailed is *August 6th*. Also keep *August 27th* in mind. That is the last day you can request an Early Ballot be mailed to you. Early ballots must be received by the County Recorder before 7 p.m. on *election day - Sept. 7th*.

Early ballot requests will be inserted into the publicity pamphlet that you will receive in early September if you are a registered voter. A sample ballot will also be mailed at that time. Please read both carefully to help you understand the many propositions.

To register to vote or to order an early ballot, go to the Maricopa County Election website:
www.recorder.maricopa.gov/elections.htm

July 6th Council Meeting Thanks Residents for Their Involvement

We could almost call it the year of Citizen Committees! Goodyear's City Council asked citizens to participate in a number of task forces this year. These ad hoc committees are in addition to those standing boards and commissions on which residents serve multi-year terms.

To thank these ad hoc committee members who have given their time to serve, the City Council held a special recognition meeting on July 6 at the Hampton Inn. The following residents were recognized for their active role in local government:

Bond Committee

Recommended that Council seek voter approval in a special fall election for additional bonding authority of \$134 million to augment the current bonding authority of \$150 million to cover the city's capital needs for 5 years.

Dr. Gil W. Stafford, Chair
Gary Gelzer, Vice Chair
Christopher Bragan
Jay Ellingson
Jeffrey W. Gray
Eric Henry
Maxine Hill
Sharolyn Hohman
Terry L. Hokaj
Steve Holliday
Thomas H. Jones, Jr.
D. Jean Kolakowski

Louis Perrinello
Earl R. Smith
Tom Reed
Rob Tibbs
Crystal Timko
Terry Trost

Charter Committee

Citizens recommended twelve amendments to the current City Charter to be voted on in a Special Election this fall.

Councilmember Ken Porter, Chair
Lucas W. Schlosser, Vice Chair
Ed Curran
Jenifer de la Garza
Brenda L. Holland
Andrea Jasaitis
Stephanie Richmond
Shawn M. Watt
Linda Wemple
Steve Yamamori

Image Committee

Citizens developed image statement, values and slogan to be used to promote the City and develop its image.

Don McClarty, Chair
Dr. Jamie Cavalier, Facilitator
Jonathon Byrd
Dr. Raj Chopra
Chauncey Coor
Larry Dick
Lori Fields
Dion Flynn
Richie Miller
Jackie Silkey
Donna Sirounian
Heidi Vasiloff



Mayor Jim Cavanaugh

On June 28th, the City Council will adopt a \$153,339,063 budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05. The planning and work that went into creating Goodyear's annual budget was intense and took approximately seven months. It was at the City Council advance in November 2003 we first determined our priorities for building a sustainable Goodyear which set the direction for preparation of the budget we just adopted.

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is efficiency and effectiveness . . .***

By determining the direction early, everyone was "working on the same page," which will keep to a minimum the number of unfunded projects that pop up throughout the year. Council's priorities have been reflected in each department's strategic plan upon which the budget is built.

Council's priorities for the budget reflect what we have heard from our residents over the year – at meetings, in focus groups, by mail, e-mail or by phone. The budget is a critical policy document that is the chief vehicle by which your vision is translated into policies and goals that are matched with resources and projects to achieve the quality of life we all want.

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Mayor: *Budget Lays Foundation for Our Future*

in all areas of the government. Teams were created, audits were conducted and studies were commissioned that made us more efficient in our spending and that helped us come up with additional revenues as well.

A central area of focus in this year's budget is water management, including finding additional water resources. We have created a new Water Management Department to devote a greater effort to this important function. The budget supports the new department with needed staff, consolidated space, programs, technology and capital projects to ensure the city never runs out of water. What we do today is critical to supporting the type of growth predicted for our future.

The latest figures from the census show that Goodyear grew 69 percent between April 2000 and July 2003. This was the third fastest rate of any city in the state! To keep up with that growth and to maintain the quality standards that we demand, this budget also increases staffing levels in the planning department and the building inspection and permitting areas. To maintain quick response rates and a very safe community, 35 percent of the 57 new positions in our budget are dedicated to public safety.

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We also heard our citizens say loud and clear that they wanted more parks and recreational activities for their families. So, in this budget, we are partnering on the YMCA's swimming pool operation, funding the operations of the new 27-acre Community Park, planning for a stadium/recreational complex, designing a 100-acre park adjacent to the City Center, and constructing a dog park and


a BMX park. All of these plans require at least four new positions in the budget to care for the parks and provide recreational programs.

The balanced budget that the staff has prepared does all this without any increases in our taxes. In fact, the combined property tax rate will see a notable reduction from \$2.04 to \$1.97 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation. Also included in this year's budget is a 20 percent increase in Community Development fees so those building in our city pay their own way. For customers south of I-10, it also includes a projected 15 percent and 5 percent increase in water and sewer rates, respectively, (subject to a study commissioned in May) to help these services pay for themselves.

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We will see dramatic changes in Goodyear in the next few years and the FY 2004-2005 budget lays the foundation for those changes with a Capital Improvement Budget of \$85,760,574.

We have planned for all of this in our General Plan and every annual budget we approve for years to come will include staffing, administrative support and capital projects that bring our objectives closer to reality.


Jim

Help Prevent West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne virus that has been found in the Valley. We must do our part to prevent the disease by cleaning potential breeding sites to keep these mosquitos from reproducing in our backyards. Here are some tips:

Standing Water

- ◆ Don't allow any outside water to stand for more than 4 days
- ◆ Cover rainwater barrels with mesh
- ◆ Drill holes in the bottom of unused containers so water can't collect
- ◆ Remove or drain places where water can collect
- ◆ Keep decorative fountains operational or drain the water
- ◆ Change water in animal watering dishes often

Swimming or Wading Pools

- ◆ Remove any water that collects on pool covers
- ◆ Make sure the pump is working
- ◆ Turn over wading pools when not in use
- ◆ Don't leave out children's toys, cups, etc. that can collect water

Eaves and Drains

- ◆ Clear leaves and twigs from eaves, troughs, storm and roof gutters
- ◆ Make sure drainage ditches are not clogged

- ◆ Check flat roofs for standing water

Around Your Yard and Lawn

- ◆ Fill in any low depressions in lawns
- ◆ Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets

- ◆ Remove areas such as dense shrubbery where mosquitoes breed

Keep Mosquitoes Out of the House

- ◆ Make sure screens fit tightly
- ◆ If no screens, keep doors and windows closed - evening until dawn

Goodyear City Council



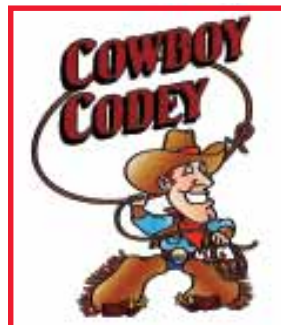
Goodyear City Council (L to R): Sue Linney, Vice Mayor Dick Sousa, Fred Scott, Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Rob Antoniak, Ken Porter and Frank Cavalier.

Council Calendar

All meetings are held at the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd.

- ◆ Monday, July 12
5 p.m.
Special Meeting
6 p.m.
Regular Meeting

- ◆ There will be no Council meetings between 7/13/04 and 8/22/04. The next regular meeting will be 8/23/04.



Cowboy Codey Sez: "Keep Your Alleys Clean and Safe"

The City of Goodyear needs the help of each citizen to maintain our community with pride. It is up to the residents to keep the alleys clean and free of debris and loose garbage.

Goodyear City Code 10-4-3. States that it is the responsibility of the residents to keep the alleys clean.

This code requires:

anyone who is in control of any property - buildings, structures or vacant land - abutting an alley to maintain that property up to the center of the alley keeping it free of debris, litter, trash and uncontrolled vegetation growth in excess of six inches in height. The person in control is one who owns, rents, leases, manages or is a trustee or has power of attorney over the property.

Some things that could result in a violation notice being issued to the residents on violations of the City Code are:

- 1 Debris that is not bagged properly or in trash containers.
- 2 Construction material dumped in alley.
- 3 Tires abandoned in the alley.

So please keep your alleys clean and safe! Violation notices will be given!

Recycling Fast Facts



According to EPA figures . . .

- ◆ Recycling the steel from six cars can provide enough steel framing for an entire new house.
- ◆ Every day, U.S. papermakers recycle enough paper to fill a train of boxcars 15 miles long.
- ◆ The empty aluminum can is worth about 1 cent.
- ◆ Every minute of everyday, an average of 113,204 aluminum cans are recycled.

Water Management Department Personnel All Located at Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City's new Water Management Department, consisting of all water and wastewater services, has moved to one central location at 5424 S. 157th Avenue, Goodyear, AZ 85338. Water Management's new mailing address is P.O. Box 5100, Goodyear, AZ 85338.

For residents south of I-10 only

For questions regarding your water pressure, water quality or a

need for immediate assistance with your water service during our 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. office hours, please call the main departmental number - 623-932-3010. Any after-hours emergencies should still be reported to the Goodyear Police Department at 623-932-1220.

Questions regarding start up/stop service or your bill should still be directed to the City's Finance Department at 623-932-3015.

Job Openings

Visit the City of Goodyear Web site at **www.goodyearaz.gov** or call the City's 24-hour hotline, **623-932-1716**, for job listings. Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions. The Human Resource Office is located at 190 N. Litchfield Rd. Phone 623-882-7752. TTY 623-932-6500. **EEO/M/F/V/H/D.**

Turn That Hose Off!

Save Our Precious Water

When not in use, turn off your hose. This includes while washing cars or watering plants. You can purchase an automatic shut-off valve for your hose at most garden and home stores.

Keep a gallon of water in the refrigerator handy instead of running the tap. Get out the broom and sweep walks and driveways rather than spraying with water. This habit also supports "Healthy Stormwater Habits." Hosing walkways and driveways can cause debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants that are untreated to flow into the storm sewer system which ultimately ends up in a retention basin to seep back into the ground.

Your Opinion Counts

We want your ideas on how we may better serve you. Just fill out this form and return it with your garbage collection bill or mail it to Linda Dillard, Community Advocate, 190 N. Litchfield Rd., P.O. Box 5100, Goodyear, AZ 85338, or e-mail to Ldillard@goodyearaz.gov.

Comments (please print) _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____



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